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MEMORANDUM

Date: January 19, 2010

To: District Superintendents,
State Charter School Administrators

From: Keith Rheault

Subject: Financial Literacy Guidance Document

The 2009 Nevada Legislature approved Senate Bill 317 (SB 317) requiring that Nevada's public high schools, including charter schools, provide instruction in financial literacy. SB 317 specifically states, "*The board of trustees of each school district and the governing body of each charter school that operates as a high school shall ensure that instruction on financial literacy is provided to pupils enrolled in each public high school within the school district or in the charter school...*"

In an effort to assist school districts with implementation of instruction in financial literacy, the Nevada Department of Education assembled a task force of teachers and district personnel from around the state to develop a guidance document. The attached document provides districts with the requirements of SB 317, an interpretation of the language of SB 317, correlated state standards, and resources for teaching financial literacy. This document is meant to be a guide only. It is the responsibility of the local school districts to determine where financial literacy will be included in the curriculum.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this document please contact Stephanie Hartman at shartman@doe.nv.gov (775-687-2450), or Melissa Scott at msscott@doe.nv.gov (702-486-6625).

Cc: District Curriculum Directors